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"Record" 1972-73.

EDITORIAL

This year we decided to change the format of the "Record," endeavouring to preserve a record of school activities and to present a selection of original work, both artistic and literary. We hope this new magazine goes some way towards introducing the type of "Record" which many people believe this school is able to produce.

A great deal of hard work by many people goes into the production of this magazine. Much of this work could be reduced if there was greater enthusiasm shown by members of the school in producing reports and contributions. The magazine can only be as good as the material available.

We have tried to present a picture of A.G.S. 1972-73, and hope that the magazine will speak for itself.

NOTES AND NEWS

The Staff moved into a new combined Staff Room in the former Headmaster's house, leaving the former Ladies' Staff Room available as a Common Room for the Upper Sixth who can also use Room 5 for serious study. A new terrapin, Rooms 14 and 15, known as the "goldfish bowl", is now the home of the Lower Sixth, when not being used for teaching sixth form classes.

For the first time Mr. Holmes has been able to take First Form groups regularly to Studley Swimming Baths where many have learned to swim and make progress in life-saving.

During the year, pupils and staff have made numerous cultural excursions. Theatre visits included 'Coriolanus' at Stratford, 'Man for all seasons' at Worcester, 'Macbeth' at Birmingham, the Royal Ballet at Stratford, the Mystery Plays at York, and 6th form linguists attended a French play at Birmingham University. Two science lectures were attended at Aston University, another at Leicester University, and the Faraday Lecture at Birmingham University. A history group visited Sudeley Castle, geography and biology groups spent a week at Marle Hall, tennis enthusiasts visited Wimbledon, a party went ski-ing at Easter and another party went to Italy in the summer.

Mr. Ridger, the County Education Officer, visited the school in February, individual photographs of all pupils were taken in October, and middle and upper forms attended a Careers Convention at St. Benedict's H.S. in April.

On May 6th Mr. D. Micklethwaite organised another sponsored walk in Ragley Park in which over 80 children participated, collecting £276 for Spastics.

In addition to the clubs and activities reported elsewhere, other clubs have continued to function, encouraged by members of staff or parents. Interested pupils were able to attend woodwork, metalwork, cookery, art, philately or badminton clubs during the lunch hour or after school.

The Autumn Term ended with the House Drama Competition, the Carol Service and the Junior Party. The School Play was performed at the end of the Spring Term and the School Concert completed the activities of the Summer Term.



Susan Stephens; Pika.

MISS A. L. WEBLEY

We regret to report the death of Miss Webley on April 7th, 1973 and we have received the following obituary notice from Mr. E. Davison, former Headmaster of the School.

When I heard of the death of Miss Webley earlier this year I was not only deeply shocked and very sorry, but I felt a great sense of personal loss, and so, I know, did all her many friends. The warmth of her personality, her kindness and her generosity, coupled with her willingness to go to any trouble to help in times of illness or distress were qualities which endeared her to those who knew her. Her personal integrity, strong sense of duty and her firm belief in Christian values enabled her to exert a profound influence for good upon the boys and girls with whom she had to deal and there must be many who have cause to be grateful for the guidance she gave.

Miss Webley started her teaching career at an independent school in London and then went to Dronfield Grammar School in Derbyshire. She came to Alcester in 1948 as Deputy Head and Head of the English Department and I should like to say at once how deeply indebted and grateful I am to her for the admirable work she did in both these capacities. As Deputy Head she was not only extremely capable, but also a most loyal colleague and it was always a great comfort to me to know that I had a deputy who was so completely reliable and upon whom I could always depend for help, support and encouragement, especially when things were difficult. To her work as a teacher she brought great skill, patience and enthusiasm for her subject and the outstanding results in English at both ordinary and advanced level of the G.C.E. examination bear witness both to the quality of her own teaching and the skill with which she organised the work of her department.

I know that many former pupils will be only too willing to acknowledge the debt they owe to Miss Webley, but few of them, I think, were fully aware of the very great difficulties under which she worked. She was suffering severely from arthritis before she came to Alcester, but although often in pain and always experiencing severe physical disability she never complained and never allowed her illness to interfere in any way with her work. Those of us who knew her well were filled with admiration for her tremendous courage and the cheerful fortitude with which she bore her affliction.

Although her main interest was in the school which she served so devotedly, Miss Webley's interest ranged over a wide field and, characteristically, whatever she took up she did thoroughly and with wholehearted enthusiasm. She was very keenly interested in craftwork and at different times did leatherwork, silverwork, lace-making and even carpentry and her work always had the finish one associates with a craftsman. In the days of the Alcester Arts and Crafts Guild she was a member of the committee and she was very closely associated with the local Girl Guides' Association. Her interest in the life of the town of Alcester was shown also by her membership of the Alcester Civic Society and, after her retirement, by the help she gave with the Meals on Wheels Service.

In spite of her disability Miss Webley lived a full and rich life and it was a tragedy that she enjoyed for such a short time the leisure she had so well deserved.

SPEECH DAY 1973

Speech Day was held this year on Friday, 16th March. Prizes and certificates were presented by Alderman H. H. C. Douty, Chairman of Warwickshire Education Committee.

Prizes were presented to the following:

Form and Progress Prizes:

First Year: Mary Emerson, Colin Foster. Progress: Sylvia Ashton, Nicholas Raspin.

Second Year: Claire Duffin, Roger Green. Progress: Barbara Pitts, Timothy Baldwin.

Third Year: David Rose, Christopher Harz, Ann Collins. Progress Martin Seys.

Fourth Year: Paul Morris, Philippa Hallam. Progress: Maria Maw, Ann Payne.

Fifth Year: Pamela Boyle, Anne Longstaff. Progress: David Freeman, Jane Lamburn.

Lower Sixth: Wendy Salmon, Susan Robertson. Progress: Hazel Dodd, Ian Phipps, Nigel Turner.

Upper Sixth: Ian Boyle, Rosemary Woodcock. Progress: Simon Burlton, Martyn Whalley, Colin Hill.

Special Prizes:

The Audrey Webley Prize (English): Teresa Gay.

The Ernest Walker Memorial Prize (Geography): Phillip Richardson.

Art Prize: Rosemary Woodcock.

Mason Cup (Best Ordinary Level Results): Pamela Boyle.

Spencer Cup (Best Advanced Level Results): Ian Boyle.

Service to the School: Susan Bond, Geraldine Jolliffe, Anne Lawrence, John Blount, David Fisher, Martyn Whalley.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP 1972-73

	1st (10 pts)	2nd (6 pts)	3rd (2 pts)
Drama	W	N	S
Boys' Senior Rugby	W	S	N
Boys' Junior Rugby	N	S	W
Boys' Cross Country	S	W	N
Girls' Senior Hockey	N	W	S
Girls' Junior Hockey	W	N	S
Boys' Senior Football	S	W	N
Boys' Junior Football	W	S	N
Athletics	S	N	W
Girls' Senior Rounders	S	N	W
Girls' Junior Rounders	W	N	S
Girls' Senior Tennis	N	S	W
Boys' Senior Cricket	W	S	N
Boys' Junior Cricket	S	N	W

Final Position: 1st equal, Wells and Spencer, 88 points.

3rd, Newport, 76 points.

HOCKEY

Games Secretary: Jayne Coffee.

Regular Team Members:

RS: 1st XI: C. Dalton, A. Payne, A. Sanford, R. Jacques, J. Coffee, W. Fisher, P. Boyle, M. Seeney, R. Baseley, C. Clarke, J. Spires.

U15 XI: J. Deakin, S. Stephens, J. Hands, J. Allum, C. Price, M. Clarke, J. Worthy, C. Clement, J. Cund, D. Cobain, K. Badland, H. Whinn G. Mann, C. Lamb, K. Orange.

U14 XI: H. Flynn, S. Elwood, A. Tadd, S. Pitt, E. Seymour, P. Ashton, C. Duffin, M. Drew, E. Wyatt, M. Fallon, C. Miles, A. Maw.

Fixtures and Results

1972	1st XI	U15	U14
Shipston	W 4-1		L 3-1
Stratford	D 1-1	W 4-1	
Greville	W 6-1		
Four Pools	W 4-0		L 6-1
Henley-on-Thames	L 6-0		
Evesham	L 7-1	L 5-1	L 2-0
Worcester	L 2-1	L 3-0	L 2-1
Campden	L 3-1	L 2-1	L 4-1
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Solihull	W 2-0	L 3-2	L 2-1
Evesham	L 2-1	L 2-0	
Campden	W 2-1	D 4-4	L 4-0
Worcester	L 5-0	W 2-1	W 1-0
Old Students A	D 0-0	L 2-0	
Old Students B	W 5-0		W 1-0

Full Colours: R. Jacques, J. Coffee, R. Baseley.

Half Colours: P. Boyle, A. Payne, J. Spires, C. Clarke, A. Sanford.

Out of 12 matches 1st XI won 5, lost 6, drew 1, but one must remember that the opposition is always strong and the schools we challenge are usually larger than ourselves. We hope the players from the new U6th will continue to play well and the 5th form and L6th add their valuable support to provide a greater number of wins for the 1st XI.

The U15 and U14 have not had a great deal of success this year but both teams beat Worcester in their last match, which is always a difficult team to play. Let's hope this success will continue into next year's hockey.

The Old Students' match was thoroughly enjoyed and we hope to see many of last year's leavers return for this occasion.

GIRLS' ROUNDEES 1973

Results

	U.16 IX	U.14 IX	U.13 IX
Bromsgrove		W 4½-3½	
P.H.G.S. Evesham		W 5-3	L 3-1½
Solihull	W 4-3	L 14½-8	
Chipping Campden	D 4-4	L 5-½	D 4-4
Stratford		L 8-2	

Team Members:

U.14 IX: S. Elwood, E. Wyatt, H. Flynn, E. Seymour, C. Duffin, B. Pitts, C. Miles, M. Fallon, P. Ashton.

U.13 IX: D. Smith, A. Scott, E. Thornett V. Porteous, T. Hillman, E. Hadwen, B. Young, J. Harrison, C. Beech, S. Ashton, L. Harris.

GIRLS' TENNIS 1973**Results**

	1st VI	2nd VI
Bromsgrove	L 5-4	W 6-3
P.H.G.S. Evesham	W 5-4	L 9-0
Solihull		L 6-3
Campden	L 6-3	
Stratford	D 4-4 when play	was stopped.

Team Members:

1st VI: W. Fisher, M. Seeney, M. Clarke, R. Jacques, P. Boyle, R. Baseley, J. Coffee, L. Manley.

2nd VI: P. Rodway, A. Payne, S. Pugh, A. Holt, S. Aldridge, J. Spires.

SPORTS DAY RESULTS 1973

This year's Sports Day was postponed, due to heavy rain, until the morning of the 25th May. A closely fought battle between Newport and Spencer ended in a narrow victory for Spencer.

The Cups and Trophies were presented by Mrs. Feast.

Junior Victrix Ludorum:- L. Farmery (Newport) and J. Cuzner (Spencer).

Senior Victrix Ludorum:- C. Clarke (Newport).

Victor Ludorum:- P. Ashton (Wells).

Girls Sports Cup:- Wells.

Boys Sports Cup:- Spencer.

Sports Shield:- Spencer.

SENIOR GIRLS

5th & 6th	100 m.	1. C. Clarke (N) 14.0; 2. S. Burrows (W); 3. S. Dewis (S).
	200 m.	1. J. Coffee (W) 31.0; 2. J. Crutchley (W); 3. M. Maw (N).
High Jump		1. S. Burrows (W) 1.28 m.; 2. C. Plummer (N); 3. S. Dewis (S).
Long Jump		1. S. Burrows (W) 4.27 m.; 2. L. Manley (N); 3. S. Dewis (S).
Javelin		1. C. Clarke (N) 19.96 m.; 2. A. Holt (W); 3. R. Baseley (N).
Discus		1. M. Seeney (S) 20.45 m.; 2. R. Jacques (S); 3. J. Spires (N).
Rounders Ball		1. C. Clarke (N) 57.0 m.; 2. M. Seeney (S); 3. S. Pugh (W).
Relay		1. Wells 59.5 secs. (Rec.); 2. Spencer; 3. Newport.

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

4th Year	100 m.	1. J. Deakin (W) 14.6; 2. H. Whinn (N); 3. S. Pitts (S).
3rd Year	100 m.	1. M. Drew (W) 15.0; 2. E. Wyatt (N); 3. S. Whitehouse (W).
	200 m.	1. J. Deakin (W) 31.5; 2. J. Cuzner (S); 3. C. Clement (W).
High Jump		1. J. Cuzner (S) 1.24 m.; 2. S. Darling (N); 3. C. Clement (W).
Long Jump		1. D. Cobain (S) 4.21 m.; 2. N. Downes (S); 3. S. Darling (N).
Javelin		1. J. Worthy (N) 16.3 m.; 2. J. Allum (W); 3. J. Cund (S).
Discus		1. C. Lamb (S) 16.08 m.; 2. M. Drew (W); 3. E. Wyatt (N).
Rounders Ball		1. C. Lamb (S) 38.85 m.; 2. M. Clark (W); 3. P. Ashton (W).
Relay		1. Wells 60.4 secs. (Rec.); 2. Spencer; 3. Newport.

JUNIOR GIRLS

2nd Year	100 m.	1. K. Hemming (W) 15.0; 2. M. Willmott (N); 3. D. Rugg (W).
1st Year	100 m.	1. L. Watton (N) 14.7; 2. B. Young (W); 3. F. Clack (N).
	200 m.	1. E. Simister (W) 32.1; 2. M. Willmott (N); 3. L. Farmery (N).
Long Jump		1. L. Watton (N) 4.03 m.; 2. R. Lynam (S); 3. B. Young (W).
High Jump		1. L. Farmery (N) 1.30 m.; 2. J. Harrison (W); 3. C. Jackson-Mee (S).
Rounders Ball		1. L. Farmery (N) 33.8 m.; 2. R. Lynam (S); 3. M. Emerson (S).
Relay		1. Newport 60.9 secs. (Rec.); 2. Wells; 3. Spencer.

SENIOR BOYS

6th Year	100 m.	1. R. Truslove (W) 13.1; 2. G. Ricketts (S); 3. J. Hughes (W).
5th Year	100 m.	1. A. Clark (W) 13.4; 2. S. Plummer (N); 3. I. Duffin (N).
	200 m.	1. P. Ashton (W) 24.8; 2. R. Truslove (W); 3. S. Philpott (N).
	400 m.	1. D. Freeman (W) 59.7; 2. A. Clark (W); 3. S. Philpott (N).
	800 m.	1. T. Seeney (W) 2 mins. 19.4 secs.; 2. J. Hughes (W); 3. G. Ricketts (S).
	1500 m.	1. T. Seeney (W) 4 mins. 39 secs. (Rec.); 2. J. Hughes (W); 3. A. Kibblewhite (N).
High Jump		1. A. Clark (W) 1.50 m.; 2. P. Dawe (N); 3. S. Plummer (N)
Long Jump		1. P. Ashton (W) 5.88 m.; 2. C. Charlton (N); 3. D. Freeman (W).
Triple Jump		1. P. Ashton (W) 12.38 m.; 2. D. Freeman (W); 3. P. Dawe (N).
Discus		1. G. Faulkner (W) 27.90 m.; 2. R. Dallaway (N); 3. S. Smith (S).
Javelin		1. P. Richardson (S) 36.06 m.; 2. P. Allcock (S); 3. C. Charlton (N).
Shot		1. D. West (W) 9.78 m.; 2. M. Zuliani (S); 3. P. Richardson.
Relay		1. Wells 50.7 secs.; 2. Spencer; 3. Newport.

INTERMEDIATE BOYS

4th Year	100 m.	1. G. Raspin (S) 12.7; 2. T. Hacker (S); 3. R. Payne (N).
3rd Year	100 m.	1. B. Williams (S) 13.1; 2. K. Farmery (N); 3. A. Cotterill (N).
	200 m.	1. G. Raspin (S) 25.8; 2. T. Hacker (S); 3. R. Payne (N).
	400 m.	1. C. Woodhouse (S) 60.5; 2. N. Allen (N); 3. P. Morris (S).
	800 m.	1. N. Allen (N) 2 mins. 30.8 secs.; 2. C. Woodhouse (S); 3. A. Brookes (N).
	1500 m.	1. N. Allen (N) 4 mins. 55 secs. (Rec.); 2. D. Peters (S); 3. A. Brookes (N).
High Jump		1. P. Strain (N) 1.35 m.; 2. D. Horton (S); 3. I. Turner (W).
Long Jump		1. N. Weatherhead (S) 5.05 m.; 2. A. Crabtree (S); 3. N. Allen (N).
Discus		1. D. Rose (32.30 m. (Rec.); 2. P. Strain (N); 3. C. Harz (N).
Javelin		1. R. Payne (N) 31.06 m.; 2. P. Strain (N); 3. M. White (S).
Shot		1. C. Harz (S) 10.40 m.; 2. D. Rose (S); 3. A. Pitts (N).
Triple Jump		1. P. Morris (S) 10.93 m. (Rec.); 2. G. Raspin (S); 3. C. Blizzard (N).
Relay		1. Spencer 52.0 secs. (Rec.); 2. Newport; 3. Wells.

JUNIOR BOYS

2nd Year	100 m.	1. R. Sealey (N) 13.0 (Rec.); 2. T. Drew (W); 3. C. Hood (S).
1st Year	100 m.	1. S. Gregory (W) 15.0; 2. A. Walters (S); 3. S. Dyer (N).
	200 m.	1. G. Dunbar (W) 29.1 (Rec.); 2. S. Gregory (W); 3. A. Walters (S).
	400 m.	1. G. Dunbar (W) 1 min. 8.9 secs; 2. C. Hood (S); 3. R. Sealey (N).
	800 m.	1. C. Hood (S) 2 mins. 36 secs. (Rec.); 2. H. Rowley (N); 3. S. Hunt (W).
High Jump		1. D. Harrison (W) 1.24 m.; 2. P. Jennings (N); 3. J. Yapp (W).
Long Jump		1. R. Sealey (N) 4.61 m.; 2. T. Drew (W); 3. D. Harrison (W).
Discus		1. C. Reggio (W) 17.55 m.; 2. N. Raspin (S); 3. J. Walters (N).
Javelin		1. T. Drew (W) 26.55 m. (Rec.); 2. N. Raspin (S); 3. J. Greenaway (N).
Relay		1. Wells 58.1 secs. (Rec.); 2. Newport; 3. Spencer.

BOYS' TENNIS

A match was arranged against the Leys School Redditch which the school won 9-0. Andrew Willmore and Simon Plummer represented the school in the Boys' Schools L.T.A. (Midlands) Tournament at the Tally Ho! Club Edgbaston. They won two matches against Wolverhampton Royal G.S. and Regis G.S. but lost in the quarter finals to Wyggeston School, the eventual winners.

The trip to Wimbledon is best forgotten—we had tickets for the ladies final day—it rained!!

P.J.H.

RUGBY

1973 has been our best season for some years—a record-breaking season in which we won fifteen of our eighteen matches, and also completed the double over Henley-on-Thames G.S. The reason for this success is the hard work put in by the team during training and the blending of individualism into a mode of play. The whole team deserves praise, but especially the newcomers, S. Philpott, S. Smith and M. Zuliani. Praise must go also to D. Freeman for his excellent goal-kicking. The most enjoyable match of the season was against the Old Boys to whom we narrowly lost by a try in the last minute.

The team would like to thank Mr. Holmes for his advice when needed, Mr. Micklethwaite for supporting our matches and also Alcester R.F.C. for letting us use their ground after Christmas.

I personally wish to thank Mr. Holmes for giving me a free hand in training the team, and David West whose help was invaluable. Finally I would like to thank the team for making this such a good year.

Jeremy Mayle.

RUGBY RESULTS

Results: —	1st XV
P. H. G. S. Evesham	W. 12-4
Shipston H. S.	W. 76-6
Abbey H. S. Redditch	W. 24-4
Henley-in-Arden H. S.	W. 21-0
K. E. S.	L. 10-38
Bromsgrove School	W. 43-0
Kineton H. S.	W. 37-0
Henley-on-Thames	W. 16-3
Cheltenham T. H. S.	W. 24-6
Evesham H. S.	W. 16-9
Abbey H. S. Redditch	W. 24-6
Bromsgrove H. S.	W. 37-3
Old Boys	L. 18-22
P. H. G. S. Evesham	L. 3-6
Chipping Campden	W. 8-0
Evesham T. C.	W. 13-8
Henley-on-Thames	W. 6-5
Alcester R. F. C.	W. 38-0

Colours were awarded to —S. Philpott, P. Allcock, A. Baseley, M. Zuliani D. Bennett,
P. Ashton, S. Smith, A. Weatherhead, J. Hughes, I. Tanner.

under 15—

versus Bridley Moor	(home) lost 12-16
versus Abbey	(home) lost 8-13
versus Greville	(home) won 42-0
versus Abbey	(away) lost 0-62
versus Henley-on-Thames	(home) won 9-3
versus Chipping Campden	(away) won 75-0
versus Henley-on-Thames	(away) lost 3-36

Under 14—

versus Abbey	(home) lost 0-8
versus Henley	(away) won 28-12
versus K.E.S. Stratford	(away) lost 0-64
versus Shipston	(away) lost 4-42

The South Warwickshire Sports were held on the school field again this year. We were not so successful this time, only managing to win the Senior Boys' group. As a result of their performances C. Hood, M. Zuliani, R. Dallaway, D. Freeman, T. Seeney, C. Charlton, P. Ashton, J. Coffee, S. Burrows, A. Baseley and P. Allcock represented the area in the County Sports.

Philip Ashton and Tom Seeney became Warwickshire champions in the triple jump and 1500 metres. The relay team was third as was David Freeman in the long jump. Philip and Tom went on to represent Warwick County in the Quadrangular Sports where Philip was 2nd and Tom 4th.

Athletic colours were awarded to T. Seeney, M. Zuliani, J. Coffee, S. Burrows, P. Allcock, and R. Dallaway.

P.J.H.

CROSS-COUNTRY

*I know there aren't many,
I'm one of the few
Who love Cross-Country.
Perhaps you do too.*

*Through lanes and large fields,
Over stream and stile.
I fall off a bridge
Just once in a while.*

*Across muddy fields,
All dirty I get.
Fall into a stream
And get soaking wet.*

*Leap over a ditch;
Take a short cut for fun.
Then I get a stitch,
But continue to run.*

*Here comes my friend Tim;
He'll catch me for sure.
But I will beat him —
I have done it before.*

*And when at long last
The finish I see,
I trip over my laces
And thus cut my knee.*

Graham Walter, 3S.



J. PEACE

CROSS COUNTRY WINNERS

Senior: Tom Seeney.
Junior: Chris Hood.

The 1st XI had a very disappointing season in spite of the efforts of J. Mayle, the captain, to encourage the team to do its best. During the two matches against Greenmore College, A. Clark and R. Randall showed their batting ability but these matches were lost, as also were those against Abbey H.S. and King's Norton G.S.

The under 15 XI, after their success last year in the Esso Colts National Knockout Competition, played K.E.S. Birmingham at the start of the season in the regional semi-final. K.E.S. were easily dismissed for 25 runs, R. Randall taking 6 wickets for 11 runs. The school team had little difficulty in making the necessary runs for the loss of only 3 wickets, B. Williams being 18 not out at the close of play. In the final versus Warwick School, the under 15 XI made 62 runs in the allotted overs but the Warwick team easily made this number of runs for the loss of only 4 wickets with 5 overs to spare.

Other results:—

versus Greville H.S. (home)—won by 8 runs (P. Morris 7 for 22).

versus Chipping Campden (away)—lost by 18 runs (P. Strain 5 for 12).

versus St. Benedict's H.S. (home)—won by 7 wickets.

TABLE TENNIS

1973 saw Table Tennis establish itself firmly in the sports programme of the school. Boys and girls with little aptitude for the major physical contact games found themselves able to shine at this individual game. The Parents Association kindly bought us a brand new table to join the battered table top which has been overworked for years! The upshot of this was that both tables have been in use every break and lunch-time for the past year.

The Under-15 boys team has been the only team run this year and they have achieved some pleasing results becoming Rural Warwickshire champions at their first attempt and remaining unbeaten in their other matches.

U-15 Team:- Stephen Cull, Brett Freeman, Bill Gallimore,
Greg Atherton.

FIELD STUDY AT MARLE HALL

On the 19th March the Lower Sixth Biology and Geography groups left school for a field study week at Marle Hall. We were accompanied by Mr. Dowell, Mr. Petherbridge and Mr. Micklethwaite.

Our week consisted of lectures, interspersed with excursions into the surrounding countryside and coastal areas, where we undertook our extensive surveys and environmental studies, such as determining the quantity and variety of life which existed on a concrete-covered drain pipe on a tide-washed beach. We also visited the Snowdonia National Park and the Cwm Idwal Nature Reserve; Conway salt marshes; Penmaenmawr Point and Llandudno.

We all enjoyed our week in Wales and would like to thank the members of staff who so willingly accompanied us.

Helen Schober, L6S.



SUSAN ELWOOD

SKIING 1973

We again joined forces with Hanley Castle boys and this year journeyed to Fieberbrunn. The outward journey was very pleasant and we were all in good spirits on arrival at the Hotel Pichler. There was a very good snowfall during our stay, and light showers were falling every morning on awakening. The hotel accommodation was good, although a few remarks were made about the food (mainly out of curiosity as we did not know what we were eating for most of the time.)

The first two or three days were spent on the nursery slopes, just getting used to the feel of being on skis and learning the tricks of the trade. For the more experienced, the upper slopes provided a good challenge, whilst the ski-bikes gave many hours of good fun and entertainment for the rest of the party. The apres-ski activities included bowling, dancing and sightseeing and buying souvenirs in Kufstein.

In summarising, this excursion was highly enjoyable and entertaining for all concerned. The party was accompanied by Mr. Holmes, Mr. Micklethwaite, Miss Denton and Mr. and Mrs. Smith from Hanley Castle.

Anthony Davies.

STAFF NEWS

We regret to report the death of Miss Agnes Weatherup, a former Art Mistress at the school during the First World War. She retired in 1948 to Carrickfergus in Northern Ireland.

Mrs. L. Burdekin (formerly Miss Denton) left at the end of the summer term to take up an appointment in Leicestershire. We wish her success in her new post.

Mr. P. Holmes will be away for the year 1973-74 to attend a course on Counselling at Birmingham College of Education.

During the past year we have enjoyed the services of four student teachers for one term each. Miss Piggins from Birmingham taught French and Music, Mr. Gallagher from Worcester taught English and History, Miss Thorburn from Worcester taught Domestic Science and Miss Wing from Coventry taught Physical Education.

This term we welcome four new members of Staff: —

Mr. P. N. Arrandale from Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School, Rochester, Kent to teach Physical Education during the absence of Mr. Holmes;

Miss A. J. Morgan, B.Sc., from Hayesfield School, Bath to teach Mathematics;

Mr. M. I. Davies, Dip.Maths. from Lakes School, Windermere to teach Mathematics;

Mrs. J. Skinner, B.A., to teach French. We hope they will all be happy working here.

WALKING CLUB

The Walking Club was six years old in May 1973. None of the members who walked down the Wye Valley on May 12th, 1967 is still a pupil of the school; the last one was Simon Burton, who left in 1972. Although the club has gone from strength to strength in the past six years, the failure of the pupils to organise any expeditions for themselves, in the school holidays, remains a disappointment.

Our programme this year included walks in Derbyshire and in the Cotswolds, a complete traverse of the Malvern Hills from end to end, two trips to the Black Mountains, and a visit to the Oxford Canal for a select band of enthusiasts. A large number of new members joined, mostly from the Fourth Forms, but this was offset by a decline in Fifth Form enthusiasm. On the whole, support for the excursions has been very good.

The members' equipment continues to improve; most now have reasonable boots, and a few have cagoules. These are hooded, knee-length smocks, made of proofed nylon. Very light, waterproof and windproof, a cagoule is the ideal garment for outdoor pursuits of all kinds.

The club now possesses a good stock of maps of the more popular areas; as a result of the good training provided in Geography lessons, the standard of map reading is extremely high.

As in previous years the amount of food and drink consumed per person per walk has been a never-ending source of amazement to the organisers.

C.J.J.



PHOTOGRAPHY

This year the generosity of the Parents' Association enabled us to provide equipment for the pupils to process their own colour slide film.

Considerable savings may be made in this way. The total cost of 36 slides can be as low as 75p as compared to about £1.80 for 36 slides from process paid film.

The equipment is kept in the Chemistry laboratory and is available after school. Sad to relate, after an initial burst of enthusiasm, interest has declined somewhat.

C.J.J.

CHESTER MYSTERY PLAYS

Mrs. Mullholland, in her first year as drama teacher at the school, chose as this year's play "The Childhood of Man", a series of three Mediaeval Plays from the Chester Cycle. A new innovation was the novel seating plan: the audience were seated in tiers on either side of a central gangway, with Heaven on the stage and Hell-Mouth at the far end of the hall.

In the first part of the trilogy, "The Fall of Lucifer", Philip Ashton, resplendent in gold, majestically portrayed God and, assisted by a choir of angels, successfully flung Lucifer, played by John Hughes, and Lightbourne, Julian Saunders, into Hell-Mouth. After the dance of the Devils, there followed the second play in which a truly naive Adam and Eve, Simon Plummer and Stefanie Pitt, were tempted by the Serpent, expertly hissed by Caroline Jones.

The final play, "The Flood", saw Noah, David Hughes, and his family, played by Jonathan Hallam, Joy Peace, Andrew Clark, Alison Scott, Timothy Clarke and Jane Dally, building an Ark and herding on board a host of animals along with a nagging wife, Leslie Styles. After the return of a dove, we are reassured by the appearance of the crooked rainbow.

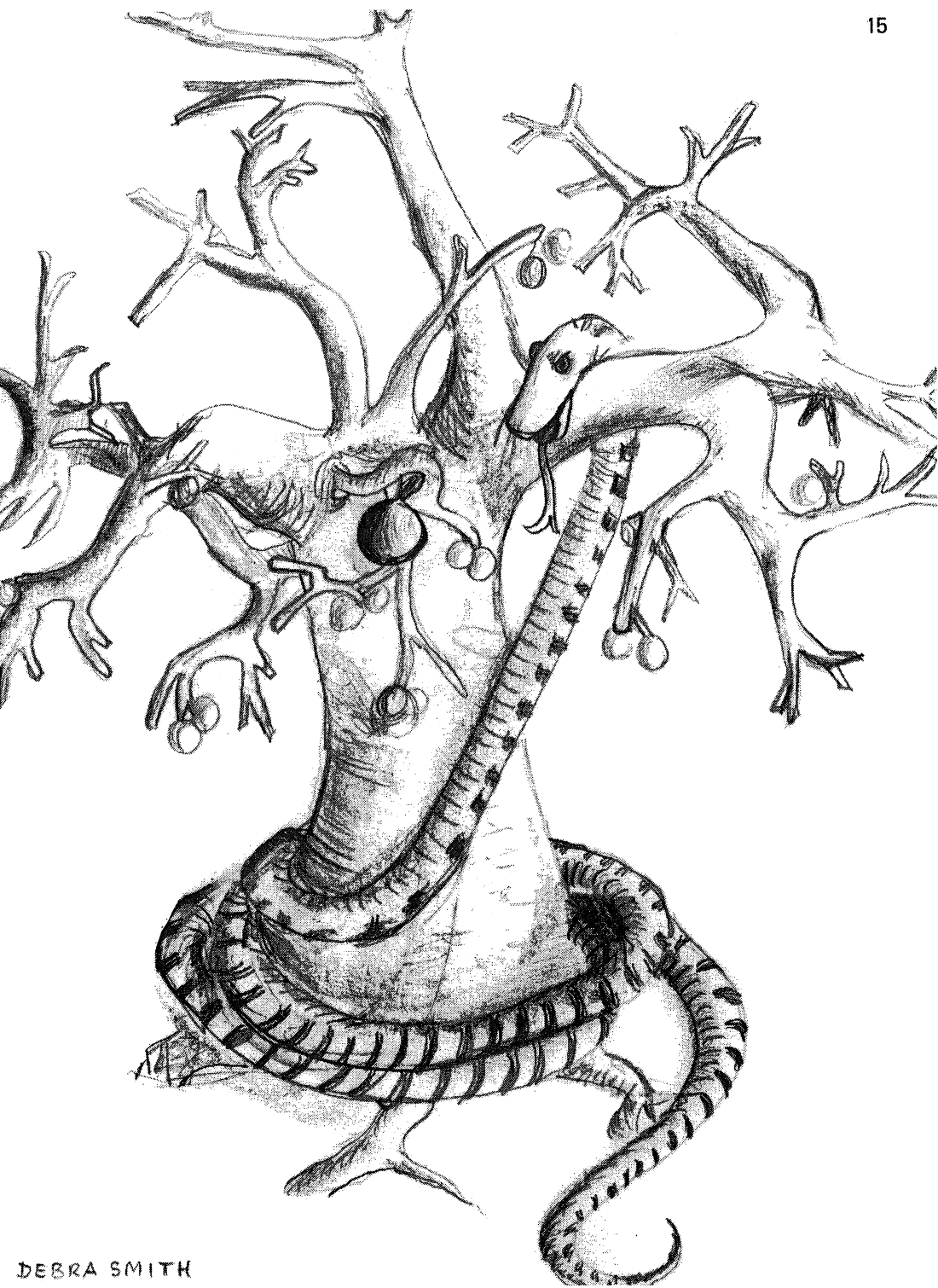
Much credit must go to Miss Simm and her helpers who created a suitably grotesque Hell-Mouth complete with smoke, fearsome Devils' masks and animal masks, and also to those who designed and made the costumes. The choreography of the Devils and animals, a group of 1st and 2nd years, was by Ruth Taylor.

Kevin Leeson and Rosemary Jacques were in charge of lighting and general stage management while the Producers were Julia Robinson, Ian Aldridge and Astrid Gooderick. Publicity and House Management was by Mrs. Matthews, assisted by Frances Pitcher and Carol Fisher while Mr. Maund was helped with the set construction by some lower sixth. The original period music was written and performed by Jeremy Mayle with Mrs. Land, Caroline Roseblade, Ann Collins, Tony Baylis and Tony Weatherhead.

These plays, much-enjoyed by all, were all the better for their brevity. Much credit for this splendid medley is due to Mrs. Mullholland whose first production promises many great performances for the future.

INTER-HOUSE DRAMA

Our second Inter-House Drama Competition was held at the end of the Autumn Term and was most successful. The standard of acting in all three plays was extremely high, especially as some of the actors were first years only. Wells, the winners of the competition, chose as their play, "The Man In The Bowler Hat", a comedy by A. A. Milne, featuring Christopher Howarth in the title role. Newport came second with their play, "Husbands Supplied", narrowly defeating Spencer and their production of "The Proposal" by Chekov. The plays were judged by Miss David, Deputy Head of Chipping Campden School, who was presented with a book token by Wendy Fisher.



SHELTER SET

January 1973 saw the birth of the Alcester Grammar School Shelter Set. After standing in Alcester High Street one chilly Saturday before Christmas, helping the Alcester Shelter Group to raise money by singing carols, we decided to tackle the problem of housing in our own way.

A committee was formed, consisting of members of the Lower Sixth, and it was decided to raise money by selling cakes and soft drinks to the rest of the school on a Wednesday morning. This venture has been very successful and we have raised about £30 in this way, thanks to the ever-hungry members of the school.

Sports Day 1973 provided plenty of thirsty athletes and spectators and £6 was raised by selling soft drinks.

Our first fund-raising event was the Shelter football match at the end of the Easter term. In spite of torrential rain, the Lower Sixth challenged the Upper Sixth to a three-legged, mixed, fancy-dress football match. The "Pantomime cow", in goal for the Upper Sixth, played well in defence, but could not prevent the challengers from winning 3-1. As Bonnie and Clyde, Bride and Groom, Nurse and Baby, Father Christmas and his sack and Hippies and Fairies hobbled about the pitch, contributions were collected from pupils and £5.50 was raised.

The Shelter Set continues to survive, but is in great need of new members, from all parts of the school.

Please help us to house the homeless.

Julia Robinson.
Chairman.

BARNARDO HELPERS' LEAGUE

This year the total of our annual contribution to Dr. Barnardo's homes was £76.52, an amount which we should try to increase next year if we are to counter the rising costs which inflation brings. The money raised by our annual box opening has remained remarkably constant over the last ten years, but the help it can give diminishes. If the sum of money from the box opening is to be larger, some members might consider adopting the system of putting a regular amount, however small, into their boxes each week. Some of our pupils are very successful in persuading their parents to make occasional contributions too!

In the Spring term Mr. Lambon came from the Birmingham headquarters to show Form 1 a colour film which gave a good account of Dr. Barnardo's new policy. This consists of trying to keep children in their own homes by supplying all the help and support that is needed, especially by the handicapped. As a result of Mr. Lambon's visit, 31 new members were recruited.

Two members, John Hughes and Jean Kennedy, received the Founder's Service Award. Short Service badges were awarded to: Tina Butler, Rosemary Bryan, Ann Collins, Julia Cuzner, Jane Deakin, Clare Devonald, Ruth Maisey, Catherine Price, Elizabeth Rose, Janet Tedstone and Ruth Maw.

K. G. M.

Last year was my first year as Music Mistress at Alcester Grammar School and I should like to thank all those who supported me during that time.

The 1972-73 academic year was very busy and progressive. The creation of an orchestra enables all orchestral players to come and play together and this I think is so very necessary. Since many members of the Madrigal Group left last year, other students are being trained for this aspect of vocal expression. Both the Senior and Junior Choirs have been rehearsing regularly for various events.

A much appreciated innovation is the formation of the quintet — 2 violins, cello, flute and piano, which performed on Speech Day. The two violinists, Mary Emerson and Andrew Hughes, are members of the County Youth Orchestra.

We have been very fortunate in obtaining new brass instruments and in the very near future, it is hoped to utilise these by expanding the brass section of the orchestra and establishing a brass band. We are also fortunate in having peripatetic teachers for strings, woodwind and brass, and due to their conscientious tuition we will be able to progress even further with the orchestra.

The following list of successful candidates of the Associated Board, Royal Schools of Music, entered by the school, attained commendable results.

Flute: Grade 3: Claire Jackson-Mee, Pat Rodway, Francis Clack.

Grade 5: Alison Scott, Ann Collins (merit.)

Clarinet: Grade 3: Clare Devonald.

Grade 5: Georgina Rouse, Jonathan Hallam.

Singing: Grade 5: Carol Fisher, Anne Payne.

Grade 6: Julia Robinson (merit.)

Rudiments: (Theory) Grade 5: Susan Annis.

Grade 6: Julia Robinson (distinction)

Jayne Coffee (distinction)

Grade 7: Caroline Roseblade.

The Calendar of events for 1972-73 was very varied. In December we acted as host to the Stratford Orchestra and participated in their concert. We attended "Carols Together" at the Greville High School and the term concluded with the Carol Service held in St. Nicholas' Church, Alcester. Members of the Senior Choir and County Youth Orchestra presented an enjoyable programme at the Secondary Schools' Concert at Leamington.

During the Summer term a Music Workshop was held in Stratford involving many members of the orchestra. The highlight of this term was the Summer Concert which involved the whole spectrum of the school's musical talents. The principal item this year was 'The Promised Land' — a 'pop' cantata, scored for choir, flute, violin, guitar, piano, organ and percussion.

My thanks once again to all those who participated in these events and for making my first year at Alcester Grammar School an enjoyable one.

J.E.L.

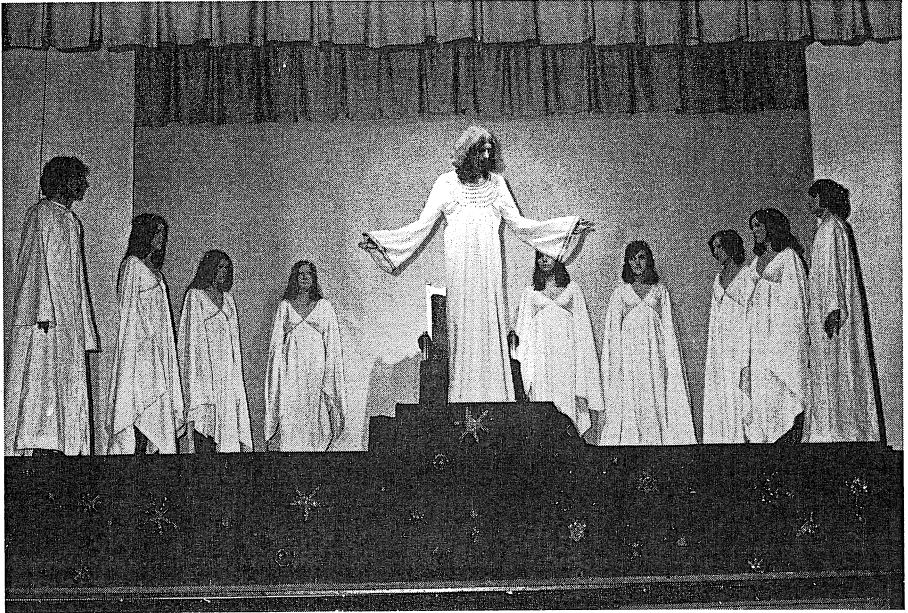
BRIDGE CLUB

The Bridge Club functioned at lunch time and also held an informal evening session and a duplicate pairs competition, in which the winners were: North/South—John Sawyer and John Hughes, East/West—Paul Morris and Ian Aldridge

During the coming winter we hope to encourage more pupils from the junior forms and to hold a knock-out series to be played in the lunch hour.

C.M.H.

SCHOOL PLAY



Some notable adaptations of common English words and scientific terms selected from your recent writings :-

A future career in the TECHKNOWLEDGY (N.T.) of JET PERPULSION (K.A.) may HINDGE (C.R.) on taking the NESSICARY (K.O.) decision, regarding the EFFISHANT (S.E.) PROSINGER (S.P.) for cutting a PEISE (C.S.) of CARCUS (L.A.) from a SPECIMUM (J.D.) with FELLERS (A.E.) and TENICLES (S.E.) sprouting from it in a menacing fashion.

SYLVIA (L.A.) drips from the animal's mouth as the food is gulped down its SARCOPHAGUS (I.L.), try OESOPHAGAS (C.S.), perhaps it's OESOPHAGAS (C.S.) or even OESOFOGHOUS (A.D.), into a tortured STOMACHE (S.R.) to fall, demented, into your DEODEMON (S.G.) of the lower regions.

Meanwhile new items of chemical APORATOUSE (C.S.) include a DEPLIPPINGTING SPOON (S.D.) and a CHRONICLE FLASK (J.R.) to contain some remarkable solutions of ELECTROLIGHTS (M.G.).

This term sees the completion of the second full year of the association's existence and it is encouraging to see a growing and widening interest in our programme.

The year started with the Barn Dance, the A.G.M. followed by an 'Any Questions?' session with answers from a distinguished panel and the December Concert in which the Stratford Concert Orchestra and school musicians took part. In the Spring a most enjoyable dance was held at Aston Cantlow Village Hall, an extremely popular Fashion Show, and the Spring Fayre. This last attracted the largest number of people ever seen on the school site with a most exciting programme of entertainments. Probably the inter-town 'It's a knockout' competition between Redditch, Stratford and Alcester was the biggest attraction and we were delighted to see so much interest generated by the civic leaders of all three towns who supported their teams with enthusiasm. It looks as if this will now become a regular feature of the local calendar. The net profit was over £600.

The Bridge Club is well established, and the summer tennis tournament provided light-hearted pleasure for both the experts and the others. There are plans to form a Badminton Club in the near future.

The main objectives of the association seem to have been well furthered both to enable parents to meet and enjoy social activity together and to raise money for the benefit of the school. This has been achieved mainly through the 100 club (monthly subscription of 50p and half the income returned in prizes) and the Spring Fayre.

The first target has been achieved and a Ford Transit mini-bus was given to the school in June. This is now in regular use and will greatly help the school in furthering its activities outside the school. We now need to provide a garage for the vehicle and hope to be able to do this very shortly.

As retiring Chairman I would like to thank the committee for their untiring energy during the past year and for their success in establishing the association as a powerful support to the school in so many ways. We hope that all parents of children in the school will support the association fully both by attending its functions and joining the 100 club.

J.W.R.T.

THE SEAMSTRESS

*She sits, and stitches, and weaves a dream,
Lovingly sewn into every seam—
Gowns of linen, and gowns of silk,
Dark as the night, and white as milk.
In and out of the cloudy cloth,
Here a tuck, there, in the feathery froth—
Lacy billows, and ribbons so gay—
Here she sits stitching all through the day.
Satin and sheen she moves among,
Cheerfully humming a gay little song.
Stitch and gather and make a seam,
Gowns for a bride, as sweet as a dream,
Gowns of linen, and gowns of silk,
Dark as the night, and white as milk.*

Hazel Flynn, 3S.

QUE FAIRE?

*En hiver
Quand il fait froid
Que faire?
Je ne sais pas.*

*Au dehors
Il fait nuit noire
A cinq heures
Du soir.*

*Au printemps
Quand il fait beau
Que faire?
Il finit bientôt.*

*Au dehors
Le ciel est bleu
Et partout
On voit de jolies fleurs.*

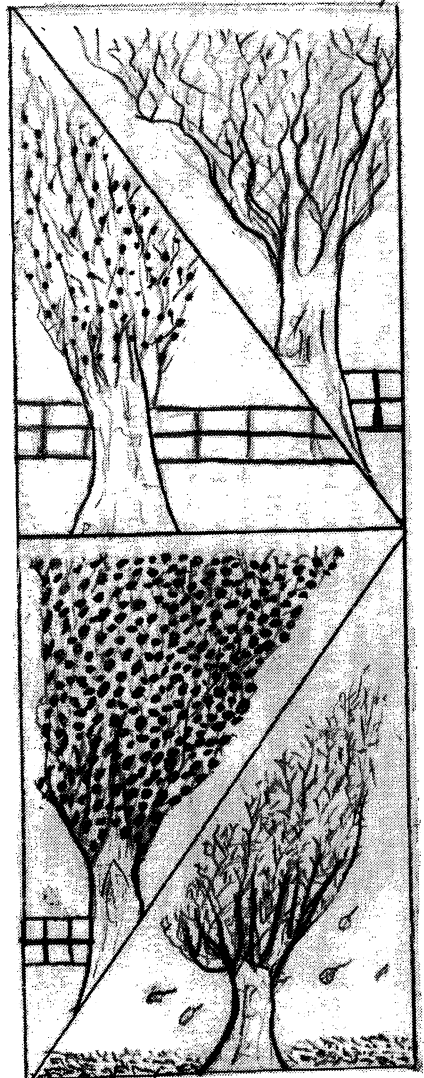
*En été
Quand il fait chaud
Que faire?
Tous les arbres sont si beaux.*

*Au dehors
A la campagne
Les champs sont verts
Et tout le monde se baigne.*

*En automne
Quand il fait du vent
Que faire?
Il va rester longtemps.*

*Au dehors
La campagne est belle
Et les arbres ont
Des couleurs nouvelles.*

Barbara Fishlock, 4S.



MARTYN LANGLSTON

THE GOOSE GIRL LISTENS

Gerda stood like a statue on the top of the hill, looking across at the beautiful countryside. It was her favourite time of day: sunset. The fiery sun was sinking behind the rows of majestic mountains, setting alight to the sky and the snow-capped peaks.

She listened for the familiar sounds as she had always done: firstly the call of the night-birds and then, as dusk came quickly, the sound of the night breeze rustling through the tall pines. The geese waddled around like old women, occasionally pecking at an odd bit of grass, and down in the valley below the lights started to twinkle in the peasants' cottages.

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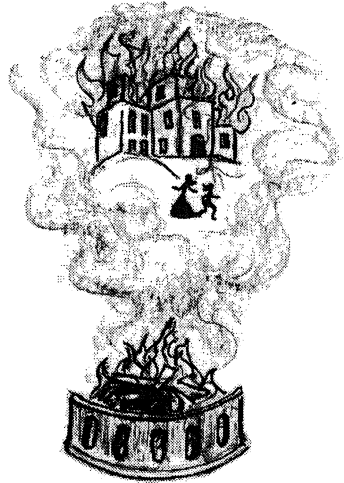
Somewhere in the distance a door opened with a creak and out stepped an old man onto the stones, which crunched beneath his feet. A low, but clear voice called up to the hill and Gerda turned with a start. She whispered 'Good Night' to the mountains; then she turned and ran down the hill with the geese.

Andrea Tadd, 3S.

DREAMS OF FIRE

*Here I flicker, glow and wait,
Alone and quiet in the playroom grate.
I'm unsatisfied; life's not enough.
Soon I'll get out, and then 't will be rough;
My flames will no longer be
Small and dainty, just you see;
I'll race along with roaring and thunder.
People will panic, but still I'll plunder.
Houses and trees will singe away,
My flames grow taller, my smoke grows grey.
My flames and I shall speed along,
Committing murders and doing wrong.
But no, alas, I still must wait,
All alone in the playroom grate.*

Claire Jackson-Mee, 2M.



SEARCH

D. SMITH

*In her tiny house in Stratford
On the banks of mighty Avon,
In the midst of a great rain-storm
On a dark and stormy night,*

*A small girl wrapped up in blankets
Shivering cold and coughing badly
Thought of coldness, people searching
Cold, and searching for some warmth.*

*Her feet searched for twenty minutes
In that white and boundless country.
Wandering blind they stumbled down
A shallow, narrow, steep crevasse.*

*Here they found what they were seeking,
Cold from one long day and night,
Soft and yielding almost frozen
One bright red hot water-bottle!*

Clara Shaw, 1M.

(With apologies to Longfellow)

ENGLISH HOMEWORK

*Now, every year at mock time,
This work is set for us.
It's to be for homework
And not done on the bus.*

*A poem or a passage,
A lot or just a bit,
We must do it by ourselves;
We must not copy it.*



D.R. THOMPSON

*An entertaining story,
A happy or sad song,
The grammar must be perfect;
The spelling never wrong.*

*But, I know not what to do,
Except I must not lag;
I've to write an article
To go in the school mag!*

Michelle Drew, 3S.

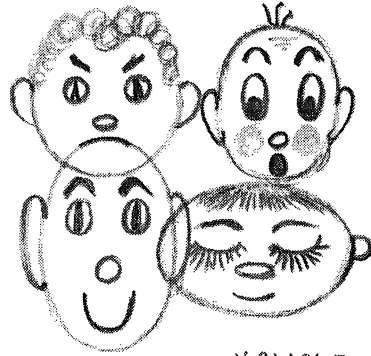
FACES

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*Children's faces in the street,
Happy faces, smiling sweet,
Faces bright with twinkling eyes,
Stare in wonder and surprise.*

*Faces old with furrows deep,
Soft with love and warm with sleep.
Faces in the fire that glow
Like the dreams of long ago.*

*Merry faces, daughing, gay;
Weary faces, fretful, grey;
Baby faces watching you,
Trusting all you say and do.*



Joy Blakey, 4S.

THE RETURN

For twenty minutes they stared at the huge black orb that blocked their link with life, and for twenty minutes millions throughout the world held their breath, before at last the pleasant glint of light touched the moon's ragged outline and the capsule came back into radio range with earth.

The astronauts looked happily at the large blue and green ball hanging against the black sheet of space, and proudly reported the swirling white clouds that caressed the atmosphere of their home. They knew what it felt like to be completely alone among alien objects: to be out of touch with life. They knew how great it felt, and how fearful; how heavenly and how alone, no-one to speak to, no-one to look at and no-one with whom to share their fears.

But it is over, and they are on their way home. So they watch, hour by hour, day by day, as the earth grows bigger and brighter for they know what it is like to be a god.

Christopher Harz, 4S.

THE WIND

*Rushing through the tree-tops,
Hurrying on its way,
Flying over the hawthorn bush,
With berries bright and gay,*

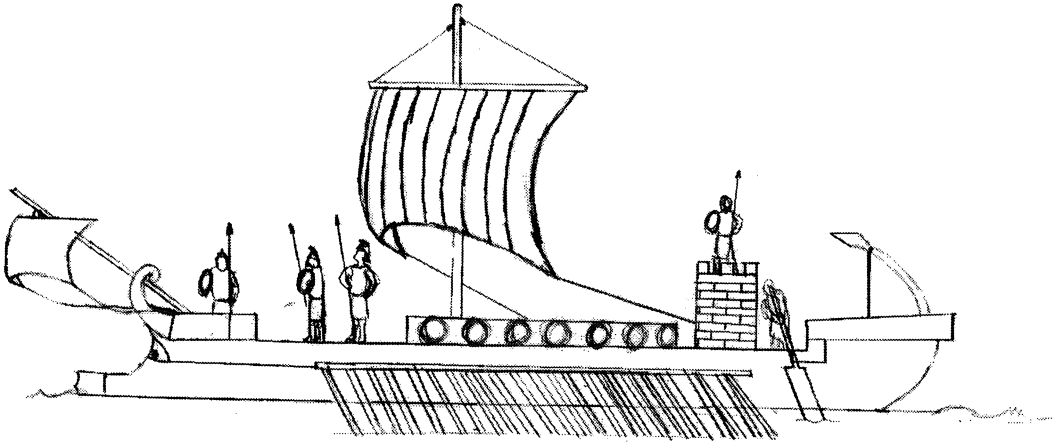
*Skimming over the rivers,
Dancing over the waves,
Hitting against the muddy banks,
Which stand there bold and brave,*

*Snapping through the old man's cloak,
Whistling around his hat,
The wind that flies o'er hill and dale
Blows everything so flat.*



JENNIFER FRASER

Nicola Court, 1S.



ROMAN GALLEY

Slowly I scanned the southern horizon as I looked for the first signs of Roman galleys. The cruel north wind was hidden from us behind a high chalk cliff.

"How much longer must we wait?" grumbled my friend Rauol. Suddenly someone to my left shouted, "Sails in the east." We all strained our eyes and saw many tall, white Roman sails.

As time passed it became increasingly evident that the Romans intended to make a landing on the beach where we stood.

The galleys swung round and then slowly advanced into the bay; we waded out into the shallow water and prepared to do battle. At first the Romans hesitated as if frightened to attack but then a standard bearer leapt into the water and the others followed. For a moment there was silence as both sides prepared to attack and then confusion reigned.

We hurled spears and fired arrows, but unfortunately they were no match for the Romans' tightly packed testudo. We were being repulsed, and we knew it; so we made a brave attempt to regain ground and succeeded until the Roman archers started their, apparently endless, hail of arrows.

Soon we were pushed back up the beach and then nearer, and nearer to the cliff. We knew that the only way to escape was to retreat along the beach and get to a fortified position on the hill. This we did and held the position until I turned to see Romans creeping up behind us. I turned to run but was caught and put in chains to be taken back to Rome as a slave.

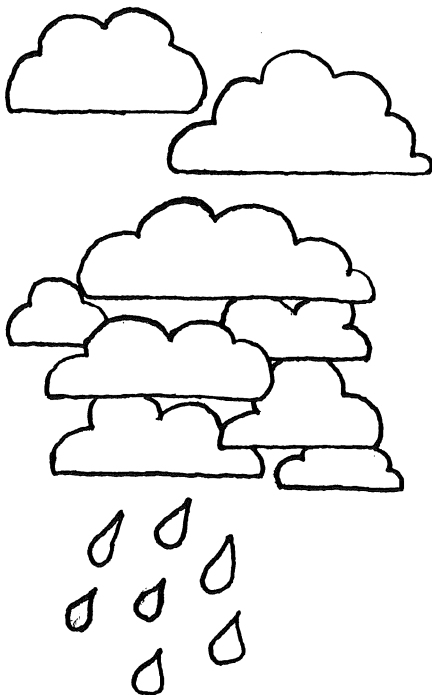
David Robertson, 1M.

CLOUDS

*I am always amazed
When people pass by,
Never stopping to look,
Never blinking an eye,
At the wonderful clouds
That are sailing on high
Through the cold winter scene
And the warm summer sky.*

*Clouds are not thanked,
When locked all together,
They cover the earth,
Bringing cold and wet weather.
But when times are hard,
Because of a drought,
They slowly creep up
And block the sun out.
And then quite suddenly,
Down comes the rain,
Which waters the earth
To bring happiness again.*

Elizabeth Rose, 4L.



B. FREEMAN

HARWELL

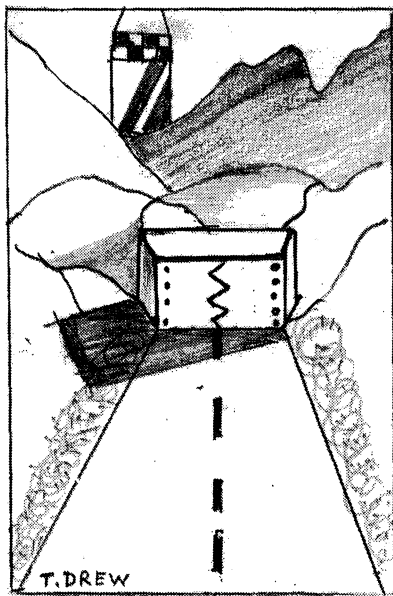
*Buried deep in the heart of the hills,
A face with sightless eyes.
What does that gaping door conceal?
Experimental tubes and lights
And mystery unreal.*

*With weird machines and whining wheels
The trembling white hands work.
What danger in those closed green banks,
What enemies still lurk?*

*The hypocrites! On top it's peace,
But 'neath our pleasant pastures green,
They plot to kill the enemy
Who does, as yet, remain unseen.*

*Half-past, the time for home arrives . . .
The scientist dons his coat of tan,
And goes to meet the world outside—
The common city gentleman.*

Sylvia Ashton, 2M.



THOUGHTS FROM AN OLD PENNY



CORINNE CLARKE

*When I was young, straight from the mint,
I shone so bright with many a glint.
With head held high and full of pride
In plenty of pockets I did ride.*

*Handed down with a cheer and wave,
I was passed to a child to save.
For a while, after many knocks,
I spent my time in a money box.*

*And then as I went upon my way
I mixed and mingled day by day.
As prices soared way out of sight,
My presence became so very slight.*

*Until at last, out in the cold,
Discarded, spent, worn-out and old,
My usefulness ended; I did my best,
But now replaced, I lie down to rest.*

THE FEELING OF BEAUTY

*Beauty is a thing to hear:
The song of a bird,
Or rustle of leaves,
Water running or wind rushing.
It can be human sound:
The sound of a voice,
Sound satisfying to the ear,
Or the beauty of an instrument,
Clear, pure and beyond reality.*

David Horison, 2S.

*Beauty is a thing to see:
A thing of substance,
The colour, shape and dimension
Of paint, sculpture or flesh.
It can be a landscape,
The detail of a flower,
Or it can be Gothic architecture:
The solid structure of man.
A quality, from transparent to opaque, beautiful.*

*Beauty is an expression of life:
The love of living,
A life of limited length,
Ever changing feelings of the individual.
It can be the feel of a substance,
Or the satisfaction of shape.
It is the creation of thought,
A physical energy and force.
It is felt in the heart.*

Andrew Hughes, 4L.

1973/74

Head Boy—Kevin Leeson, deputy Head Boy—David Freeman.

Head Girl—Julia Robinson, deputy Head Girl—Rosemary Jacques.

ROME/FLORENCE 1973

On a cold, drizzly Monday morning our party, accompanied by Miss Simm and Mr. Turner, made its way to Heathrow en route for sunny Italy. Two hours in a Trident found us in Rome where we were quickly through customs and into the sunshine. After a hotel meal we set out to find the Spanish steps. A weary hour later we found the church at the top of the famous stairs to be enshrouded in scaffolding and, as it took another hour to find a bus back, we felt we had learned something of the size of the city and the peculiarities of its transport system.

The next day we were shown around the Catacombs and somewhat to our surprise discovered that the early Christians had only used them as a refuge during a short period of persecution. They are dark with narrow, low corridors and shelves built into the rock inside which there are still some skeletons. On to the Colosseum, passing temples of goddesses or 'godnesses,' as our guide called them, and then on to the Piazza del Campidoglio to the bronze equestrian statue of Marcus Aurelius, which influenced many of the Renaissance sculptors. The afternoon excursion included St. Peter's with Michelangelo's Pieta, now restored, and after a quick glimpse down the gratings into the crypt and the Popes' tombs we went onto a hill outside Rome where, in the courtyard of a monastery, is Bramante's Tempietto, a small building of perfect proportions and harmony. From here we had a magnificent view of Rome, with its sunny, white buildings, dome and statues. The Pantheon was our next stop followed by the Square of the three fountains, where you can buy the best ice cream in Rome. In the evening we saw the open-air opera Aida, played to an audience of 10,000. The massive stage is set in the Baths of Caracalla and, in the Grand March scene, to the several hundred people on the stage was added a chariot pulled by four prancing white horses.

On Wednesday we went to the Vatican. It will always amaze me how we arrived in one piece. Italians do not believe in waiting. When a bus arrives they just push and if you are lucky you get taken along with everybody else. The Sistine Chapel was not as I imagined it would be. It was taller and lighter and even though I recognised most of the frescoes they seemed different in their true settings. Eventually we saw Raphael's Stanze and another small chapel decorated by Fra Angelico.

On our last day in Rome we walked through the Borghese Gardens past a group of children watching a Punch and Judy show and, after a quick glance round the modern art gallery, returned to our hotel. On the way we were caught in a sudden unexpected torrential downpour. Two men dashing off the bus ran straight into one another, one of them sliding gracefully across the pavement on his posterior! Somehow we got our suitcases onto a bus and the train to Florence.

Florence is a beautiful city retaining its Renaissance atmosphere. We will never forget the first sight of the floodlit Cathedral nor the involuntary gasps of delight from all our party. Our first day was spent at the Baptistry and Cathedral. The Baptistry doors of gilded bronze are really beautiful. Inside is Donatello's wooden sculpture of Mary Magdalene and mosaics which cover the domed ceiling. Michelangelo's other great Pieta is in the Cathedral. The more energetic of our party climbed up to the dome, some went to the museum while the rest went on to the church of Santa Maria Novella to see Masaccio's great painting of 'The Trinity.' Later we visited the Uffizi, the greatest art gallery in Europe, but unfortunately had less than an hour to see all the rooms crammed with famous works of the Italian Renaissance. The next day we saw Michelangelo's David. It is colossal. Afterwards we visited the nearby monastery of San Marco where there are numerous frescoes and tempera paintings in all the cells by the monk, Fra Angelico. The rest of the day was spent in shopping in the market, sightseeing and enjoying the quiet calm of the Ponte Vecchio by night.

Sunday morning we spent in Pisa seeing the famous Leaning Tower and the afternoon on the beach at Tirrenia.

One week is not enough to see the wonders of these two cities but enough to whet our appetite for a return visit.

Julie Holsman U6M.

The following successes were obtained by pupils of Alcester Grammar School in the examinations of the Oxford Local board.

ADVANCED LEVEL

* denotes distinction.

M. Brazil	— Biology*, History
C. Charlton	— Economics, Mathematics, Physics
P. Dawe	— Economics, Geography, Chemistry
C. Donovan	— Physics, Metalwork
I. Draycott	— Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics
H. Hodgkins	— Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry
J. Hughes	— Physics*, Mathematics, Further Mathematics
J. Jansons	— English Lit, Art
I. Mackintosh	— Economics, Physics
J. Mayle	— English Lit, Economics, Music
M. Perkins	— Physics, Chemistry, Biology
I. Phipps	— Mathematics*, Further Mathematics, Physics
G. Ricketts	— Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry
J. Sawyer	— Physics
I. Tanner	— History, Mathematics, Chemistry
M. Tedstone	— Economics, Mathematics, Chemistry
N. Turner	— Chemistry*, Physics, Mathematics
D. West	— History, Geography
J. Wibberley	— Economics
Susan Burrows	— English Lit, French, Biology
Hazel Dodd	— English Lit, French, Spanish
Wendy Fisher	— French
Suzanne Kirby	— French
Julia Nocks	— History, Economics
Susan Pitts	— Economics
Susan Robertson	— English Lit, History, Biology
Caroline Roseblade	— English Lit, Economics, Music
Carole Rundle	— English Lit, Biology
Wendy Salmon	— Economics*, History, Mathematics
Mary Seeney	— English Lit, French, History
Ruth Taylor	— French, Spanish

e—English language, el—English literature, f—French, h—History, rk—Religious Knowledge, g—geography, m—mathematics, p—physics, c—chemistry, b—biology, hb—human biology, ck—cookery, ed—engineering drawing, met—metalwork, a—art, mus—music, s—Spanish, nw—needlework, am—additional maths.

* distinction.

Fifth Forms:

P. Allcock	—	e, el, h, m, p, met.
K. Baddeley	—	e, el, g, m, p, c, ed.
G. Collett	—	e, h.
M. Crow	—	p, c.
R. Dallaway	—	e, el, h, m, p, ed, a.
G. Faulkner	—	e, p, ed.
R. Greig	—	e, el, h, g, m, p, c.
S. Hands	—	e, el, f, g, m, p, c, ed.
C. Jordan	—	e.
A. Lamb	—	e.
P. Morris	—	e, el, f, g*, m*, p*, c*, hb*
B. Richardson	—	e, el, f, h, g, m, p, c.
D. Savage	—	e, el.
P. Thirlby	—	e, el, f, m, p, c, b.
A. Willmore	—	e, el, g, m, p, c.
Sheryl Aldridge	—	e, el, f, m*, c, b, ck, a.
Angela Bonsen	—	e, el*, f, h, p, a.
Corinne Clarke	—	e, m, a.
Julie Crutchley	—	e, el, a.
Astrid Gooderick	—	e*, el*, f, m, p, b, mus.
Caroline Jones	—	e, el*, h, a.
Sandra Latham	—	el, g, m, p, b.
Jacqueline Mann	—	e, el.
Alison Pitt	—	e*, el*, f*, g, m, p, c, b.
Patricia Rodway	—	e, el, m, hb, mus.
Jacqueline Spiers	—	e, el, m, b, ck.
Lesley Stiles	—	e, el*, f, h, g, a.
Mary Woodings	—	e, el, h, m, a.

Sixth Forms (extra subjects)

D. Freeman	—	p
Rosemarie Baseley	—	s
Wendy Fisher	—	nw*
Susan Pitts	—	nw*
Julia Nocks	—	am
J. Sawyer	—	am

C. Biddle	—	e, el*, f, g*, m, p, c, b.
J. Brookes	—	e, el, h.
R. Cantrill	—	e, g, p, met.
A. Clark	—	e, el, f, g, m, p, c, b.
I. Duffin	—	e, el*, f, h, g*, m*, p, c.
P. Godfrey	—	e, el, f, h, g, m*, p, c.
J. Kirk	—	e, m, p, ed.
N. Morgan	—	e, el, f, g, m, p, c, b.
J. O'Sullivan	—	e, p, c, hb, a.
J. Robertson	—	e, el, f, p, c, b.
S. Rutherford	—	e, el*, f, g, m, p, b, ck.
S. Smith	—	e, m, p, met, ed.
C. Taylor	—	e, el, g, m, p.
S. Treadgold	—	e, met.
P. Wassall	—	e, m, p.
M. Zuliani	—	e, el, h, g, m, c.
Patricia Betteridge	—	e, m, hb.
Gillian Crowe	—	e, el, h, m, hb.
Carol Fisher	—	e, el, f, ck, mus.
Ann Gayfer	—	e*, el, f, m, p, c, b.
Helen Gotrel	—	e, el, f, rk, g, m, hb, a.
Philippa Hallam	—	e, el*, f, g, m*, p, c, b.
Valerie Hillman	—	e, el, h, m, hb, ck, a.
Pauline Hulme	—	e, m.
Maria Maw	—	e, el, f, m*, p, c, hb*, a.
Mary McGuire	—	e*, el*, f*, h*, i*, m, c, a.
Jane Orr	—	e, el, h, hb, ck.
Anne Payne	—	e*, el, f, rk, m, p, mus.
Frances Pitcher	—	e, el, f, h, m, hb, ck.
Susan Pugh	—	e, el, m, hb, ck, a.
Andrea Sanford	—	e, el, f, g, m*, p, c, b.
Julie Spiers	—	e, el, f, m*, p, c, hb, a.

In the C.S.E. examination the following obtained grade 1
being equivalent to O level pass:

R. Cantrill	—	f
Patricia Betteridge	—	f
Jane Orr	—	m
G. Faulkner	—	m

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

Michael J. Huxley (61-68), B.Sc.Tech., class 3, in Materials Technology at Sheffield University (1972), is now a development engineer in Dronfield, Derbyshire.

David J. Taylor (62-69), B.Sc. in Applied Biology at the Lanchester Polytechnic.

Stephen Jones (63-69), B.A. honours degree, class 2(i), in the Electrical Sciences Tripos at Cambridge University.

Colin Hunt (66-68), B.Sc., class 1, in Production Engineering at Trent Polytechnic.

Gillian Howard (63-70), B.A., class 2(ii) in Combined Studies at Leicester University.

- Bruce Hayball (63-70), B.Sc., class 2(i), in Architecture at the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology.
- Stewart Watt (64-70), B.A., class 2(i), in History at Aberystwyth University.
- Maurice Beale (63-70), B.Sc. Class 2(i), in Electronics at Kent University, is now employed by Decca of Surrey in the design, development and research work on electronic navigational equipment.
- Alan Loader (63-70), B.Sc., class 2 (i), in Mechanical Engineering at Queen Mary College, London University, is starting research for a Ph.D. degree at Southampton University.
- Matthew Smith (64-71), Class 1 in Part 1B of the Natural Sciences Tripos at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge University.
- Peter Heath (64-71), Class 2(i) in Part 1B of the Natural Sciences Tripos at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge University.
- Anne Yates (62-69), B.Ed. honours at Liverpool.
- Colin Hill (65-72), is assistant manager at the International Stores Supermarket.
- Paul Foster (63-70), is an assistant auctioneer at Kidderminster.
- Christopher Taylor (66-70) is manager of the Audio Department at Dixon 's in Birmingham.
- Roger Flynn (62-69) has completed his studies at the London College of Printing and has been appointed to the Department of Architecture and Planning in the Graphic Design Unit of the Londonderry Development Commission, Northern Ireland.
- Police Commander A. E. Perkins (20-25) has been made a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order by Her Majesty the Queen on his retirement after more than thirty years as bodyguard to Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, King George VI and latterly to Queen Elizabeth herself. He will be known as Sir Edward Perkins, K.C.V.O.
- Bridget Carter (70-72) after one year at Leamington College of Further Education, is starting a three-year B.A. course in Textiles at the City of Birmingham Polytechnic.
- Christopher Spalding (53-59) has been appointed M.T.A.I. and is Manager of a Lichfield Travel Agency.
- Peter Still (66-71) was the best drama student of the year at Doncaster College of Education. He appeared in a drama group at the Edinburgh Festival and has gone on an exchange visit to Massachusetts's University to study drama.
- Wendy Padbury (59-63) is appearing in another T.V. series.
- Sarah Douglas (64-70) has appeared in a play and an advertisement on television.
- Malcolm Howie (65-72) is training at Bognor Regis College of Education.
- David Howie (65-72) is working in the Income Tax Office at Redditch.

Marriages:

- Roger Flynn (62-69) to Mary Deacon.
- Julie Hodgkins (63-68) to Jonathan Field.
- Hilary Walker (63-68) to Richard Hunt.
- Cora Dalton (67-73) to Michael Holt.
- Deaths
- Albert D. Moore (scholar 1935-37).
- Trevor C. Lloyd (scholar 1926-33).

Births

- To Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barry (née Patricia Mahoney) — a son.
- To Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Symes (née Joan Duxbury) — a son.

FAREWELL

Autumn 1972

Michael W. Thomas (L6M)

Spring 1973

Jill Strain (1S), Deborah A. Adams (2S), Jacqueline A. Woosnam (3M), John A. Annis (3M), Wendy P. Green (3S), Stephanie N. Pitt (3S), Kelvin Monk (4S), Adrian G. Wright (4S), Deborah A. Clayton (5M), Cora C. Dalton (L6M), Jane M. Lamburn (L6M), Susan E. Searson (L6M), Paul Fitzsimmons (L6S) Geraldine A. Bennett (L6S).

Summer 1973

Clara Shaw (1M), Mary Shaw (4M), A. Felicia Morris (L6S), Anthony P. Baylis (L6S), Timothy J. Oldham (L6S).

Upper 6M

Philip G. Ashton, D. Christopher Charlton, Howard A. Hodgkins, D. John Hughes, Janis C. Jansons, Ian Mackintosh, Jeremy J. Mayle, Ian S. Phipps, John T. Sawyer, Susan M. Burrows, Hazel R. Dodd, Wendy Fisher, Suzanne Kirby, Susan Pitts, Susan Robertson, Carole E. Rundle, Ruth M. Taylor.

Upper 6S

Mark A. Brazil, Andrew J. Briggs, A. Peter Dawe, Christopher P. Donovan, Ian T. Draycott, D. Mark Perkins, A. Graham Ricketts, Ian E. Tanner, Michael A. Tedstone, Nigel R. Turner, David S. West, John C. Wibberley, Julia F. Nocks, Caroline Roseblade, Wendy J. Salmon, Mary T. Seeney.

5M

Peter H. Allcock, Paul G. Best, Geoffrey E. Collett, Martyn J. C. Crow, Graham J. Faulkner, Stephen C. Hands, Colin J. Jordan, David Savage, Peter B. Thirlby, Alison G. Pitt, Mary P. Woodings.

5S

James R. Brookes, Richard A. Cantrill, Jeremy S. Kirk, John J. Robertson, Simon Rutherford, Colin C. F. Taylor, Stephen N. Treadgold, Peter E. Wassall, Susan A. Annis, Patricia A. E. Betteridge, Helen J. Gotrel, Valerie A. Hillman, Pauline Hulme.

WELCOME

Autumn 1972

Claire E. Jackson-Mee (2M), Karen E. Thomas (3M), Kay S. Thomas (3M), Graham D. Walter (3S), Debra Overton (4L).

Spring 1973

Beverley S. Trickett (4M).

Summer 1973

Richard J. Woolley (2M), Julie E. Crump (2S), Barbara Fishlock (4S).

Autumn 1973

David J. Shore (2S), Julie A. Dodsworth (2M), Julie C. Rogers (2M), M. Sandra Martyn (5M).

Lower 6M

Nicholas W. M. Pozzi (St. Thomas More, Purley), David R. Thompson (Bidford H.S.), Jane Fitzsimmons (St. Benedict's H.S.), Beverley R. Wilson (St. Benedict's H.S.).

Lower 6S

Peter Scott (Harold Malley, Solihull), Denise A. Ransley (Hillingdon Court Convent).

1M

Neil H. Burdett, N. Peter Burgess, Richard A. Chilton, Jonathan R. Edmunds, Mark Freeman, Warren G. Harding, Peter D. Hill, Alastair R. Lynam, Graham A. MacLaren, Tony P. Noaks, Alistair W. Rowley, P. David Scally, Daniel J. Statham, Ian G. Watson, Andrew J. Williams, A. Jane Broderick, Barbara M. Carey, Jean A. Causier, Rachel M. Coldicutt, Alice C. Emerson, Melanie J. Green, Helen E. Quigley, F. Lynne Robinson, E. Jane Stevens, Rowena E. Swinbourne, Anne Thompson, Sharon A. Watton, Susan C. Wright.

1S

Peter C. Allely, Peter G. Bromwich, Stephen P. M. Bullingham, Timothy Cooke, Graham Cox, David R. Gravestock, Paul Ingram, Mark H. Lamb, Alexander V. Lavender, Toby M. Morris, Michael R. Randall, Nicholas Tadd, Jonathon P. Vale, Andrew P. Walters, Andrew Yapp, Mandy E. Allen, Clare E. Brewer, Kate H. Brotherwood, Roseline R. Cain, Ellen R. Currah, Lorraine D. Elwood, Lesley A. Hayes, Anne M. Hunt, Lynne S. Silverstone, Amanda L. Smart, Dawn Summersby, Christine J. Taylor, Helen Thompson, Judith Williams.

WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO?

Upper Sixth Form Leavers—

To University: Mark Brazil (Biology and History at Keele), Mark Perkins (Agriculture at Reading), Ian Tanner (History and Politics at Lancaster), Nigel Turner (Chemistry at Bristol), Julia Nocks and Caroline Roseblade (Business Administration at Bath), Wendy Salmon (Mathematics and Economics at Warwick), Ian Phipps (Mathematics at Warwick), Howard Hodgkins (Chemistry and Mathematics at University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology), John Hughes (Mathematics and Physics at King's College, London), Ian Draycott (Electronic Engineering at Birmingham 1974).

To Colleges of Education: Graham Ricketts (King Alfred's, Winchester), John Sawyer (Newman, Birmingham), Susan Burrows (Worcester), Wendy Fisher (Llandaff), Susan Robertson and Carole Rundle (Redlands, Bristol), Philip Ashton (Cartrefle, Wrexham).

To other Colleges: Peter Dawe (Business Studies at Lanchester Polytechnic), Michael Tedstone (Transport Management at Ealing Polytechnic), John Wibberley (Business Studies at Redditch), Mary Seeney (Bi-Lingual Secretarial Course at Solihull), Suzanne Kirby (Birmingham College of Food and Domestic Art), Susan Pitts (Accountancy at Bromsgrove), Janis Jansons (Leamington Art College).

To other training: Christopher Donovan (Engineering at Rockwell-Standard), David West (Surveying), Ian Mackintosh (Motor Transport Studies), Jeremy Mayle (Civil Service), Christopher Charlton and Hazel Dodd (Midland Bank), Ruth Taylor (Barclay's Bank).

Lower Sixth Leavers—

Jane Lamburn, Susan Searson, Paul FitzSimmons (Banking), Felicia Morris (Social Service), Anthony Baylis (Quantity Surveying), Timothy Oldham (Travel Agency).

Fifth Form Leavers—

John Robertson (Press Photography at West Bromwich College of Commerce and Technology), Simon Rutherford (Hotel Management at Stratford College), Patricia Betteridge and Stephen Hands (Banking), Jeremy Kirk (Leamington College), Helen Gotrel and Valerie Hillman (Secretarial Course at Stratford College), David Savage and Peter Thirlby (Further Education at Stratford College), Richard Cantrill, Stephen Treadgold (Geoffrey Collett and Colin Jordan (Agriculture), Colin Taylor (Retail Trade), Pauline Hulme (Beautician), Peter Allcock (Quantity Surveying at A.C.I.B.), Martyn Crow (Laboratory Assistant), Graham Faulkner (R.A.F.), Mary Woodings (Pottery Design), Alison Pitt (6th form at Marlborough Grammar School). Others are not known.

AN APPEAL TO OLD SCHOLARS

The School would like to have a complete set of school magazines—to be bound and available for reference. If any old scholars have the following numbers and would be willing to donate them to the school, we would be most grateful. No. 4 (1917), No. 9 (July 1920), No. 13 (1922), No. 25 (Dec. 1926).

